

Grayson County Board of Supervisors  
January 12, 2006

A Public Hearing was held for comments relating to Grayson County's Tax Relief Ordinance. Board members present at the meeting were as follows: Ralph Tuggle, Larry Bartlett, Douglas Carrico, Joe Vaughan, and Mike Maynard. Chairman Tuggle requested that prior to opening the discussion, Larry Bolt, Commissioner of the Revenue; explain the provisions of the ordinance.

Mr. Bolt stated that all the information should have been provided at the December meeting. He stated that he was requesting that the guidelines be changed: income level, net worth, and the amount of living. Currently someone can qualify the income at \$17,000 or less and Mr. Bolt proposed that this amount be increased to \$20,000. Currently, the net worth is \$50,000 and Mr. Bolt proposed that this be moved up to \$75,000. The maximum amount of benefit or relief is \$150,000 and Mr. Bolt proposed it be moved up to \$175,000. This proposal is for the tax year 2006, effective January 1, 2006. This is for relief on Tax Bill 2006, which will be due on December 5, 2006. Larry Bartlett asked Mr. Bolt if there was any way of knowing how the reassessment would affect all of this. Mr. Bolt replied that where it will come into play is in the net worth category. In net worth you do not exclude the house and one acre of land. Where it will come into play is if someone owns the house and 10 acres. To get this relief, the property must be your primary residence. Both income and net worth criteria must be met. The criteria to be considered elderly is 65 or older and disabled if they draw a disability check or have statements from doctors, etc.

The public hearing was called to order on Amendment to Title 29 page 62 titled Tax Relief to the Elderly, which modifies the financial restrictions as have been explained by Mr. Bolt. Mr. Tuggle opened the floor for comment during the public hearing. No comments were made and a motion to close the public hearing was made by Larry Bartlett and duly seconded by Joe Vaughan. The motion carried unanimously. The floor was opened for discussion or further comments. A motion to approve this amendment as presented by Mr. Bolt was made by Doug Carrico and duly seconded by Mike Maynard. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The second item on the agenda was a public hearing request for Michael Roark to rezone from Rural Farm to General Commercial – Tax Map 65-A-115C. The purpose is to operate an auto repair business. The acreage is ½ acre. The address is 4798 Highland Parkway, Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363. The present zoning classification is Rural Farm. The request is to build an auto repair shop. There is already an existing business on the property and the recommendation of the Planning Commission is by a vote of 8 to 0 to approve the rezoning request to allow construction of the automotive repair shop. Mr. Roark was asked to make comment. Mr. Roark stated that his business was growing and he needed another shop. He stated that he built his first shop for his own use and it then turned into a full time business and he simply needed more room. The public hearing was opened in regard to the rezoning from Rural Farm to General Commercial of the Tax Map 65-A-115C to operate an auto repair business. The floor was opened for comment

to the public hearing. No comments were received in this hearing or by mail either for or against. A motion was made to close the public hearing by Larry Bartlett and duly seconded by Doug Bartlett. The motion was carried unanimously. No further questions or comments were made to this request. A motion to approve the recommendation of the Grayson County Planning Commission to approve this rezoning was made by Doug Bartlett and duly seconded by Mike Maynard. The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The next item of business was Old Business from the September meeting. The request for a special use permit for property description 40-A-86B, which is Rural Farm Zoning. A special use permit was for a campground on what is known as Delp's Beach. This was postponed because neither Brian Robbie nor Stewart Frazier was available at the time and definitive site plan was not in possession of the board for review. The site plan is now available so Mr. Tuggle stated that he was bringing this back up before the board just to review. The request was to establish a horse campground on that property that is known as Delp's Beach. The county Planning Commission recommended approval of the special use permit with the following stipulations: privies need to be located above flood plain, horse trailers must be set back 150 feet from the river's edge, no RV's or campers allowed, no loud noises or music after 10 pm each day, all privies be hidden by shrubs or trees and tent sites set back 50 feet from the river's edge. Mr. Frazier submitted a site plan. A motion was made to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the special use permit for Tax Map 40-A-86B by Joe Vaughan with the following stipulations: that privies be located above the flood plain, horse trailers be set back 150 feet from the river's edge, no RV's or campers allowed, no loud noises or music after 10 pm, all privies will be hidden by shrubs or trees, and tent sites set back 50 feet from the river's edge. The motion was duly seconded by Mike Maynard. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Tuggle announced that he had one more item of business – there is now a full slate of appointments for the Board of Equalization as follows: Mr. Claude Rutherford from the Providence District, Mr. Tommy Halsey from the Wilson District, Mr. Herman Stamper from the Oldtown District, and Mr. Fred Jones from the Elk Creek District. A motion was made to approve these four people to the Board of Equalization was made by Mike Maynard and duly seconded by Larry Bartlett. There was no discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Work Session: Goals 2006

1. Operational Government
2. School System Support – Education
3. Infrastructure Service & Utilities
4. Economic Opportunities

A motion was made by Joe Vaughan to move the meetings to the second Thursday in each month at 6:30. It was duly seconded by Doug Carrico. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item is Budget Schedule. The schedule for budget hearings will be at 9:30 am, February 28, 2006 and March 2, 2006 also at 9:30 am.

The next item is a Budget Format and it was agreed upon that the budget worksheet would show 2004-2005 budget, current 2005-2006 budget, County Administrator's recommendations, and a column for showing approved appropriations.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

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